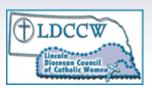
### NewsNotes



July 2019

#### **Greetings from your LDDCW President-**

The planting season has presented challenges with the spring rains delaying some planting. The challenges remind us the Lord is in charge and we must keep our trust in him as we pray for a successful, safe growing season.

A special **Thank you** to Teresa Koch for creating the beautiful palls given to the newly ordained Priests. Please keep the newly ordained Priests and Transitional Deacons in your prayers. Ann Jansky and I are scheduled to present LDCCW information to the newly ordained Priests and new Pastors on Friday, June 28th.

Please plan to attend the **Omaha Province meeting** in Grand Island on Monday, July15th (flyer included with the NewsNotes). The Omaha Province represents the three Diocese in Nebraska – Omaha, Grand Island and Lincoln. Learn of the activities of the Omaha Province Director and the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) as well as the activities of each individual Diocese.

On Friday, August 16 we will again do a **traveling Rosary**, visiting St. Joseph Church in Beatrice and some of the parishes around Beatrice. (Thanks to Terri Sullivan for this great idea). The Rosary will precede the LDCCW Executive & Full Board meetings. We will start in Beatrice, travel to Barneston, Odell, Wymore and back to Beatrice, saying one decade of the Rosary with each stop. In addition to the Rosary, we will learn some of each church's history. Our Rosary will conclude prior to the LDCCW Executive Board meeting. Please plan to join us at 2:30 pm in Beatrice.

Leadership Commission – **Legislative reporter** Carolyn Mazour has resigned from the position citing family medical issues. Thank you, Carolyn for your dedicated service. I'm asking all of you to consider taking this position, with primary responsibility of keep the LDCCW apprised of proposed Nebraska and Federal Legislation concerning Catholics. The Nebraska Catholic Conference is a valuable resource for the information. Please contact me and Judy Weston, Leadership Chair, if you feel called to fill this role. Please pray about it.

The **Nominating Committee** is prayerfully contacting LDCCW members about accepting an Executive Office for the 2020-2022 term. Believe me when I tell you, the blessings you receive in accepting a position, will be far greater than your time expended.

Wishing you many blessings throughout the summer.

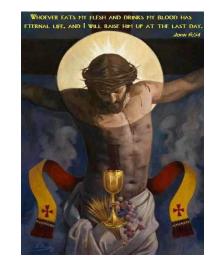
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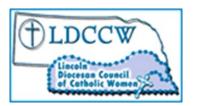
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## Most Rev. James D. Conley Bishop of Lincoln

A Reflection on the Women Who Witnessed the Resurrection

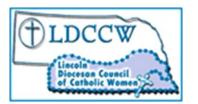
When Mary Magdelene, Joanna, and Mary the Mother of James were standing before the empty tomb, afraid, puzzled, confused, and wondering what had happened to the Lord, the two men in dazzling garments said to them almost as a rebuke: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but He has been raised. Remember what He said to you while He was still in Galilee that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day." And then St. Luke tells us – "They remembered." It all became clear to them. His words were true! He really did what he said he was going to do. The holy women then ran back to the eleven apostles and to all the others and told them the good news.

It is easy for us to forget these wonders of our faith. We get caught up in this busy world with all the demands and responsibilities of everyday life. We can allow these essential truths of our faith to get lost in the chaos

of the world. This is why the Church helps us to remember through her sacred worship, through these beautiful liturgies like tonight.

We need to remember the goodness of the Lord. Jesus told his Apostles: "Do this in remembrance of me." We need to celebrate what He has done for us, and we need to thank the Lord for redeeming us from our sin and death and winning for us eternal life. The highest expression of gratitude and thanks that we can humanly offer is the gift of the Holy Eucharist in our sacred worship. So let us continue to enter deeply into the sacred liturgy with our minds and our hearts fully alive and awakened to the realities we are celebrating.





## Fr. Thomas Lux—Spiritual Director Phone 308-995-4950 Email Address— fr.thomas-lux@cdolinc.net

#### Dear Newsnotes Readers:

Four new priests and five transitional deacons for our diocese! Plus another deacon to be ordained in October, God willing. God is good! I was blessed to be able to concelebrate at the Masses of Ordination. It was a blessing to see women from across the diocese at the Masses- many of them familiar faces from the LDCCW. It was good to be gathered together as a diocese to welcome the Holy Spirit's action through our bishop's ministry. Let us keep the newly ordained in our prayers.

The priests of our diocese are expected to make a **retreat** annually. I was on the second one. It was directed by Fr. Thomas Petri, O.P. from the Eastern USA Province of the Dominicans. One of the words that stood out for me was **peace**. The Lord wants each of us to have peace. Another blessing for me was encouragement to ask God for what we need and **expect Him to answer our prayers**. He has chosen each of us. All we are and all we are able to do is dependent upon his gifts to us. Additionally, the only thing we can take credit for is resisting the Lord's gifts and inspirations. I encourage everyone to try to make a retreat

Fr. Petri spoke in one conference on **masculine genius**. Saint Pope John Paul II spoke and wrote of the revelation of God found in the human body- both male and female, and the complementarity of the genders. These insights are called the Theology of the Body. St. JP II wrote much on feminine genius which seemed very timely. Many voices especially in the last ten years have been calling for more thought and discussion on the theology of masculine genius.

I remember hearing about men's movements in my college and graduate studies years- the 1980's and 1990's. I heard of going into the forest and beating drums, for instance. This seemed hokey at the time and even more so now. A search online produces several **articles**, **videos and blogs** from Catholic priests, theologians & psychologists.

One example is **Dr. Deborah Savage**, professor of St. Paul Seminary at University of St. Thomas in Minnesota, who wrote a book *The Genius of Man:* 

"We live at a time when boys are told over and over again that men are responsible for all the evils in the world," she wrote. "Fathers, and men in general, are disinvesting in family structures and the persons within them, even though evidence shows that such involvement provides men with a way toward real perfection and happiness.

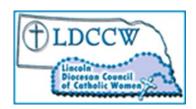
Both the masculine and feminine genius are in fact supernatural realities that, though they can be spoken of on the level of nature, require participation in the life of grace to reach their full expression,"

Fr. Petri noted a father holds a baby differently from a mother typically. A mother embraces and holds the child close and face to face. A father holds the child out and often raising it above his head. Also a man is oriented to protecting others while a woman is naturally more nurturing. I encourage all of us to look at our own experiences, and to listen to, or to read the authentic thoughts of others on the **complementarity of men and women**.

**Summer time and Ordinary Time are upon us.** I hope you can get some rest and <u>re-creation</u>. Enjoy the outdoors. Marvel at the presence of God in all things and in all people.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the **Fall Board meetings August 16 & 17**, **in Beatrice**. Plan to attend and to bring some friends.

May God bless all of us.



#### Fr. Thomas McGuire, Assistant Spiritual Advisor Phone No. 402-759-1392 Email address: frthomasmcguire@yahoo.com

#### TO PRIESTS: A Reflection I Gave at a LDCCW Meeting in Lent The Burial of Jesus: Part I

There must be hundreds of paintings depicting Jesus being taken down from the cross, carried to the tomb or buried. Some show raw emotions, some show almost none. I wondered what religious meaning there is to the burial of Jesus. I found the obvious one the witnesses experienced; and two not so obvious meanings from the early Church. Part I deals with the meaning the witnesses, his disciples experienced.

The obvious meaning is a stark realization that Jesus, the Messiah, was dead and buried. John's Gospel says, "Before the feast of Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to pass from this world to the Father. He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end." To witnesses who believed in him, his burial says loud and clear, 'This is the end. Jesus is gone. His dead body is buried.' When Jesus' body is taken down from the cross his disciples know the Messiah is dead. Many believed he would restore the kingdom to Israel. Many must have struggled greatly between hope and despair, as it seems the two disciples on the road to Emmaus did, looking downcast.

I think today we don't linger long enough to let this event enter our consciousness. While his disciples were afraid, they grieved and were clearly confused, wondering what happened, maybe even who Jesus really was. For three days they experienced his loss. We say the Way of the Cross and maybe reflect on his death and burial a few moments. We already know he is risen! To give justice to this event, the Liturgy of Good Friday helps us, but many of us do not spend much time in an "empty" church to let his death sink in. If we imagine we do not know the end of the story, we can contemplate a bit of the trauma, shock. Faith becomes very precious because Jesus was always truthful, trustworthy.

Jesus is placed in the tomb, the stone is rolled into place. They see his face no more, that face that was gazed upon, loved, worshipped. How final it must have been. If Jesus cried out to His Father, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Psalm 22), those

words must have echoed in the hearts of his disciples. How forsaken and alone they were.

"You have laid me in the depths of the tomb, in places that are dark, in the depths... Will you work your wonders for the dead? ...Will your love be told in the grave? ...Your fury has swept down upon me... Friend and neighbor you have taken away: my one companion is darkness." (Psalm 88)

Fr. Thomas McGuire, Assistant Advisor of LDCCW

#### Pope's Intentions for July

The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

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To Ladies of all ages, young and forever-middle-aged, Thank You for your attendance at Mass, your commitment to the Parish, working with even the small things here and there. (Yesterday, I put away all the coffee pots from our parish retreat last weekend. I thought of those that buy supplies, come early to make coffee, set the heavy urns on serving tables, get creamer & sugars ready, napkins, spoons, cups, and table pitchers, those that carry the urns to empty, dump coffee grounds in the trash, wash out heavy pots, dry, reassemble, put away in cupboards. And this was just for a cup of coffee!) If you add all the details for just drinks at parish functions—punch, lemonade, ice water—it is the same thing. To those who have not helped at events, please appreciate that someone has taken TWO HOURS of their day to make YOUR cup of coffee!

Many blessings to those young women who are coming up in the ranks; we are noticing that there are more and more getting active. Thank You! If it helps to know, those of us in middle age, over 60, did just what you are doing...had children, worked, volunteered, had ballgames, sports, and swimming...just as you do. Our days were a little different, as we did not have cell phones, daycare, microwaves, or even a good car. Your stress level is more, but we didn't have the convenience of fast food meals, late store hours, or emergi-care.

For the next year, please consider signing your daughter (or son) up for the Religious Awards program. Call Michele Chambers at the John XXIII Center, 402-488-0921. Summer reading can get a head start on the goal, ending with a banquet with the Bishop next February to receive the award. Ages and Titles are: "The Family of God"—2nd & 3rd grade (boys and girls both); "I Live my Faith"—9 to 11 yr. olds (boys & girls both); "Mary, the First Disciple"—teenage years (boys and girls, of any faith); and "The Spirit Alive"—age 15+ (9th – 12th grade). Please note: these awards are not just for Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts. In fact the last course is for young adults and adults who wish to increase their faith in the Holy Spirit.

The Villa Marie Home and School has formed its first auxiliary, called Maria Angelis Dei, announced by Jenny Allamby, manager & director. She is very enthused about the activities going on. Our first duty is prayer for the Marian Sisters, the staff and the students, and Msgr. Perkinton, their moderator. Next is attending meetings, planning, fund-raising. Donations are always accepted. Jenny's ph.# 402-874-0577, Jennifer-allamby@cdolinc.net IF THERE IS ANY WONDERFUL LADY that would like to be our liason to this auxiliary, let me know! (Just as we have PAX, Pi Alpha Chi, Sorority as a sister group, we have Villa Marie now.) You may volunteer for any length of time—please prayerfully consider helping Villa Marie. The first meeting of this auxiliary is AUGUST 6th, at Gianna's Java & Gelato, at 6:00 p.m., 22nd & O St.

FINAL NOTE: "What you take for granted...someone is praying for."

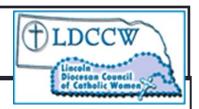
#### Quote of the month:

We are not called to be successful, but faithful.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



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#### Pax Liason - Crystal Vavra

Do you know of any upcoming high school seniors or seniors who just graduated and will be attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln? If so, I will give a shout out about the Pi Alpha Chi Sorority. Pi Alpha Chi is a place for women that share the same values and who would like to grow and build relationships with other women on campus. To the sorority life, this means embracing their traditional Greek life values of Fellowship, Scholarship, Citizenship, and Leadership, along with our faith-based values derived from the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church.

Primary Recruitment begins the Monday before classes start in August. It is a five day event, but Pi Alpha Chi only participates in the first two days and holds more events the week after Primary Recruitment

Highlights:

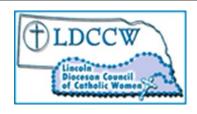
- Study hours (with snacks!) to promote academic success.
- Sister dates to get to know upperclasswomen.
- Big/Little week, which matches each New Member to a "big" sister and an extended family of upperclasswomen.
- Initiation Vigil held the night before Initiation to shower new sisters with intercessory prayers.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining Pi Alpha Chi, please contact Vanessa Whitmore, Vice President of Recruitment. She would be happy to answer any questions you may have about the sorority and what it means to be Greek. Her email address is: <a href="mailto:recruitment.pax@gmail.com">recruitment.pax@gmail.com</a> or her phone number is (531) 218-9033. Another option is to visit their website at <a href="http://pialphachi.com/">http://pialphachi.com/</a> and go under the "recruitment" tab for more information.

If possible, please add this information to your parish bulletins; pass along to your e-secretary. The more members they have, the closer their future sorority house will be reality! They are such an awesome group of young ladies, that I know your daughter, granddaughter or friend would love to be a part of Greek life.

Blessings to all

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Service- the definition in the Webster's Dictionary is "the work performed by one that serves". Another from the Free dictionary is "work that is done for others as an occupation or business" and/or "an act of assistance or benefit, a favor". Or from Dictionary.com "an act of helpful activity". Whatever the definition, the bottom line is serving others. Msgr. James Dawson would tell us in his sermons-'why did God make you? God made me to know Him, to love Him AND to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next'. This is from the Baltimore Catechism. The act of serving others does give one a feeling of happiness and self-worth in this world. The act of service can be very small such as giving a ride to doctor appt or very large such as organizing a large fundraising event for a good cause. No matter the reason, working and giving to others is good for our soul. It helps give our lives a purpose AND others benefit from our service. We do get to know God in our service to others, when we meet people, get to know them and what is happening in their lives. We get to know their problems, their concerns, their needs. By acting on those needs, we get to know God's plan for us in helping others. Thus, we realize the love we have for others is also a love for God. By acting on the needs-serving others is also serving God. This gives us an inner happiness to be able to help others in a time of need, so we are happy in this world and praying for that happiness to follow us in the next World...the Baltimore Catechism may be old, but still rings very true.

So, on behalf of the LDCCW, I encourage you to reach out and Serve others. Helping serve a funeral dinner, organizing a fundraising event, visit the sick, give a meal to a neighbor in need or offer to hold an office within the Council of Catholic Women (at the parish, deanery or diocesan level). Whatever presents itself in front of you, embrace it as an opportunity to learn the inner happiness we hope to have in the next world. By doing this, you support those around you as well as perform a work of mercy. If you are unsure of where to go, ask a local PCCW member. There are usually several opportunities to serve others. If you are interested in Rural life issues, go to www.catholicrurallife.org. You can sign up to receive a eNewletter(Bulletin) weekly. It is an interesting web site with lots of information.

Get outside, enjoy your summer. Enjoy the warm summer breezes. Be amazed by God's creation daily. Prayerfully,

Kathy

Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love..... St.Teresa of Calcutta

Thank You, Kathy Rentschler

#### **Up Coming Events**

Bishop's Project – Enhancing Eucharistic Adoration

President's Project - Helping the Homeless

July 15, 2019 - Province Meeting - Blessed Sacrament, Grand Island

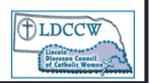
August 16, 2019 – LDCCW Executive Board Meeting, St. Joseph Church, Beatrice

August 17, 2019 – LDCCW Full Board Meeting, St. Joseph Church, Beatrice

NCCW Convention – August 21 – Aug 24, 2019, Atlanta, GA

KVSS Fall Care-a-Thon – Sept 2019 – specific dates to be announced

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#### Your Predetermined Gift.

I am not going to lie, it has been a tough summer. We began our year of firsts with my dad's passing and I have been finding myself feeling melancholy. I really haven't been feeling the spirit move me to anything. This morning, I had to drive my husband's vehicle to work. I was listening to The Catholic Channel program, "Seize the Day." The conversation was summer vacation and going to church and giving to the church on vacation. He kept asking, "Do you predetermine your gift?" I am guilty because I am not a plan ahead giver, it is very last minute and I usually empty my purse in the collection basket. Back to thinking about Dad, he would make sure when we went to church on vacation or out of town he always put money in the basket. My question to you is, "Are you a predetermined giver of your talents?" Maybe we should all take stock of our talents and decide what we can do for either our church or council. If you have to step back for a rest, it's okay! You are deciding what your predetermined gift or talent is. One of the comments the host made was "God loves a cheerful giver" and remember if you are struggling with your church activities maybe step back or maybe do a different activity to challenge your brain. This summer, take stock and think about what your council's predetermined gifts are and make a plan to always give in one way or another!

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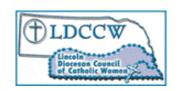
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#### Omaha Province Director Report – Susan Johnson

#### **Greetings Ladies and Spiritual Advisers from the Omaha Province Director, Susan Johnson**

Having returned recently from the June 1-2 NCCW Board meetings in Washington, DC, I want you to know how much the officers, commission chairs, and province directors appreciate the work you do at all levels of the Council of Catholic Women. Realize what you do is most precious for our world! Bishop James Conley stated in his February 6 letter to me, "Please be assured of my prayerful esteem for the Council of Catholic Women on all levels. In many ways they are the backbone of the Catholic Church in the United States." Know your good works are important and many are praying for you! Keep in mind our patroness Our Lady of Good Counsel and the NCCW Mission Statement. I encourage you to find a way to sponsor one or two more ladies from each Arch/Diocesan Council to attend our 99<sup>th</sup> NCCW National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia August 21-24. Let's focus on helping more women become familiar with the workings of NCCW. The information, spirituality, fellowship, and fun is a way to encourage those who may become our next Council leaders. Perhaps a fundraiser would help sponsor a lady who can't go because of the cost. Invest in your future leaders. I also encourage you to sign up for the Province Dinner and the Banquet as those tickets help pay for convention facilities. Undoubtedly, those meals are a way to get to know our companions on the journey. I pray you're looking forward to our July 15 Omaha Province meeting at Blessed Sacrament Jubilee Hall in Grand Island. The day consists of the Living Rosary, Mass, reports from Presidents and special projects from the three Arch/Diocesan Councils interwoven with remembering past women servants of the Lord, learning more about NCCW resources and protocol and a Province Director report. The Omaha Province Guidelines are ready for approval and the History of the Omaha Province updated by past PD Joann Messing is now combined into one document ready to be presented. Again, encourage ladies to attend as this is another way to learn how to be a part of the Council of Catholic Women and a time of learning, spirituality and fellowship!

Stay in contact with Council sisters by emails, Facebook, NCCW monthly member calls and the rosary call on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month, the monthly *Connect, and quarterly Catholic Woman. Don't hesitate to text, call or email me.* (402) 322-1918 or <a href="mailto:sjohnson69211@yahoo.com">sjohnson69211@yahoo.com</a>). As we continue to recover from the weather-related perils, have a blessed summer. Keep the Holy Spirit moving!



#### Saint of the Month - St Anne—July 26th

ST. ANNE was the spouse of St. Joachim, and was chosen by God to be the mother of Mary, His own blessed Mother on earth. They were both of the royal house of David, and their lives were wholly occupied in prayer and good works. One thing only was wanting to their union—they were childless, and this was held as a bitter misfortune among the Jews. At length, when Anne was an aged woman, Mary was born, the fruit rather of grace than of nature, and the child more of God than of man. Anne is often depicted as a seated woman with a book upon her lap and the child Mary leaning against her, eager to learn. This image tells us what we know of St. Anne, as well as the reason St. Anne is honored to this day. St. Anne had a unique position in which God entrusted to her the task of bringing up Our Lady in a holy and virtuous way. While teaching Mary to cook, take care of her home, and look after her family and neighbors, St. Anne modeled for the Virgin Mary a life of prayer, love, and humility.



#### **Divine Mercy - Jeanette Stengel**

It's always a challenge to select the right words from St. Faustina's Diary to share with our readers. Today I was led to some readings that Jesus was telling St. Faustina about the last days.

In the evening, when I was praying, the Mother of God told me, Your lives must be like Mine: quiet and hidden, in unceasing union with God, pleading for humanity and preparing the world for the second coming of God. (Diary 625)

I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God. I will spread all my free moments at the feet of the Master hidden in the Blessed Sacrament. (Diary 82)

Write this: before I come as the just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort:

A light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the Savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day. (Diary 83)

I felt I was in His hand like a little child, and I heard these words in my soul: Do not fear anything, My daughter; all the adversaries will be shattered at My feet. At these words, a deep peace and a great interior calm entered my soul.

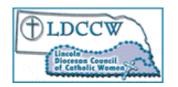
On a certain occasion, the Lord said to me, I am more deeply wounded by the small imperfections of chosen souls than by the sins of those living in the world. These little imperfections are not all. I will reveal to you a secret of My Heart: what I suffer from chosen souls. Ingratitude in return for so many graces is My Heart's constant food, on the part of a chosen soul. Their love is lukewarm, and My Heart cannot bear it; these souls force Me to reject them. Others distrust My goodness and have no desire to experience that sweet intimacy in their own hearts, but go in search of Me, off in the distance, and do not find Me. This distrust of My goodness hurts Me very much. If My death has not convinced you of My love, what will? (Diary 580)

My daughter, love has brought Me here, and love keeps Me here. My daughter, if you knew what great merit and reward is earned by one act of pure love for Me, you would die of joy. (Diary 576)

When I complained to the Lord that He was taking my help away and that I would be alone again and would not know what to do, I heard these words: <u>Do not be afraid; I am always with you</u>.

After these words, a deep peace once again entered my soul. His presence penetrated me completely in a way that could be sensed. My spirit was flooded with light, and my body participated in this as well. (Diary 627) Jeanette Stengel, Divine Mercy, jstengel5@gmail.com

# Faith Matters—Val Able Auburn



It was a beautiful sunny day in late September. I had gone to town with my husband, Leroy, to finish some office paperwork. I was looking forward to a baby shower, later in the afternoon, for a new grandson that was to arrive in a few weeks. Life was normal.

We got up to leave the office and I suddenly felt a wave of dizziness wash over me. I shook it off and proceeded to the door. After opening the door I suddenly lost my eyesight. I told my husband that I couldn't see! I remember him saying to me, "you're ok" just hold on to my shoulder and I will help you down the steps. (There were about 10 steps down to where the car was parked). As I raised my hand to put it on his shoulder, 1 began seizing and went down on to the ground. I wasn't really panicking, but I could feel my control over my body leaving. He on the other hand sounded panicked! I could hear him calling 911 and trying to tell them our location.

The next thing I was aware of was when I woke up at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Lincoln surrounded by people I knew but I just couldn't think of their names or say the right words. The nurses were asking me what day it was, what was my name, what year I was born, lots and lots of questions. I knew the answers but when I went to answer some strange word would come out. A priest was there praying and a beautiful feeling of peace settled over me, I was "ok" a bit confused but surrounded by family and the Holy Spirit.

For the next nine days, I went through repeated brain scans, blood work, and slowly! realized that I had a stroke. My stroke had affected my ability to think and process information, my speech and my balance. I was belted in a wheelchair, diapered, and unable to even brush my own hair. It was a very humbling experience.

Then I was moved to Madonna Rehabilitation Center where I would relearn how to walk, talk and think. During my month long stay, all my needs were addressed. My husband (who claims to be the hero in this story) continually pushed me forward in my recovery He knew that I loved daily mass and took me there even though I didn't feel like going some days. He took me outside to pray the rosary during a thunderstorm. I was a bit disgruntled and uncooperative when a huge thunderclap sounded and he said, 'Val, God is talking to you." I just teared up, unable to verbalize my feelings.

One day, while sitting up, pretty much just staring into space, he threw water in my face. Not until later did I realize this was Holy Water from Lourdes. He was my hero,! He was awakening my spirit and bringing God back into the forefront of my mind. Little by little, my brain healed. Once I was released from Madonna I continued outpatient therapy three times a week for about six weeks. Then I went back to work part-time at Lourdes Central Catholic.

In my journey to recover, my faith made a huge impact on my healing. My friends and family, priests and sisters, coworkers and even people I didn't know had stormed the gates of heaven with their prayers of healing for me and God had granted me a miracle. I truly believe I would not have had the recovery I received without my faith and the faith of others working for me. God bless you all.

## Omaha Province Annual Meeting Monday July 15, 2019

The Omaha Province, consisting of the Archdiocese Omaha, Diocese of Grand Island and Lincoln will hold their annual meeting at Blessed Sacrament Jubilee Hall.

518 W State Street, Grand Island on Monday, July 15, 2019.

Registration: 8:15 – 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$20

Followed by the Living Rosary

Reports from the Diocesan Presidents with identification of 'special projects'

Mass

Remembering Past Women Servants of the Lord

Approval of the Omaha Province Guidelines

This is a time of learning, spirituality and fellowship. A great day to spend with other holy women and Priests.

Please share in your Diocese/Deanery/Parish. Please plan to join in.

Contact Omaha Province Director, Susan Johnson at (402) 322-1918 if you have questions.



Our Lady of the Good Counsel, Pray for US

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